CELEBRITY LOOKOUT

By JASON:

Yanick Noah

Q: Who was the first black to receive the Spingarn Medal?

FRANCES JOHNSON; Baltimore, MD.

A: Ernest E. Just, brilliant investigator of biological phenomena relating to the structure of the cell, was awarded the first Spingarn Medal by the NAACP. He was the author of two major books in his field: **"Basic Methods for Experiment of Marine Animals"** and **"The Biology of the Cell Surface"** published in 1939. Also during Dr. Just's career, he had 60 papers published in several scientific journals.

Q: Whatever happened to John Roseboro?

RUDOLPH CARTER; Chester, PA.

A: The Dodgers won four National League pennants and two World Series with the steady John Roseboro behind the plate. A .249 lifetime hitter, he was selected four times to the major league All-Star Game. Roseboro is now a partner in a Hollywood public relations firm, deals in insurance and is a partner consultant with Charlie Dye in All - Pro Sports, which represents professional Athletes. He has written an autobiography.

John Roseboro

Q: Are the black Siamese twins still alive?

KEVIN MALCOLM; Dover, DE.

A: Yvonne and Yvette Jones are the only Siamese twins on record who are joined at the head and are still alive. The two occasionally sing Gospel songs at churches in the Los Angeles area. At 33 the twins still have long range goals. They plan on going to college and would like to become teachers.

Q: Is it really true that child actor Gary Coleman is a millionaire?

GEORGE McALLISTER; Littleton, NC.

A: Gary Coleman, 13, is a bona fide millionaire. The "Different Strokes" star has an annual income of $610,000. and personal property valued at $420,000., according to legal papers filed by his mother, Edmonia Sue Coleman, in Los Angeles. She and her husband Willis are seeking guardianship over their son's estate.

Q: Please settle a bet that would make me financially a little richer. I believe that actress Gail Fisher is on drugs and in jail. Is there any truth to this or do I lose the money?

Mr. J; Chicago, IL

A: Caught in a real life Mannix - like drama, Gail Fisher, who co - starred as the TV detective's Girl Friday in 1978, was placed on a year's probation, fined $350,000, ordered to pay $1,026 to Pacific Telephone and assigned to a six - month drug diversion program on charges of drug possession and alleged use of a "blue box," an illegal electronic device used to circumvent long distant charges. She was arrested at her home in Benedict Canyon. Reportedly police found the blue box attached to her telephone in an upstairs bedroom. In the kitchen, the officers said they found 1 - 10th of a gram of cocaine and 18 grams of marijuana.

Q: Is it true that David Ruffin has been charged with tax evasion?

CORLISS SMITH; Washington, DC.

A: David Ruffin, former lead singer with the Temptations, who has rejoined the group on their latest album "Reunion," recently pleaded innocent to federal income tax evasion charges. Ruffin has been charged with failing to report $311,000 in income between 1975 - 1977.

Q: Please give me some background on tennis player Yannick Noah?

KAREN THOMPSON; Wildwood, NJ

A: Discovered at age 11, at a tennis clinic in Cameroon, West Africa, Yannick Noah, the 21 - year - old protege of retired Wimbledon champ Arthur Ashe lives in Paris. A winner of six Grand Prix tennis titles in the last two years, Noah is the most exciting black player on the professional circuit since Arthur Ashe was an active participant.

I understand that actor Ted Lange has a mother in show business. Just who is she?

JEAN JENNING; Atlanta, GA.

A: Ted Lange of "Love Boat" fame, mom is Gerri Lange, superb hostess of a hit weekly half - hour women's television magazine, "Turnabout," aired over the Public Broadcasting Service.

Q: Are we ever going to hear anything from O. C. Smith? I loved "Little Green Apples" and have waited patiently for a new record.

WANDA SPARROW; Fort Lauderdale, FL.

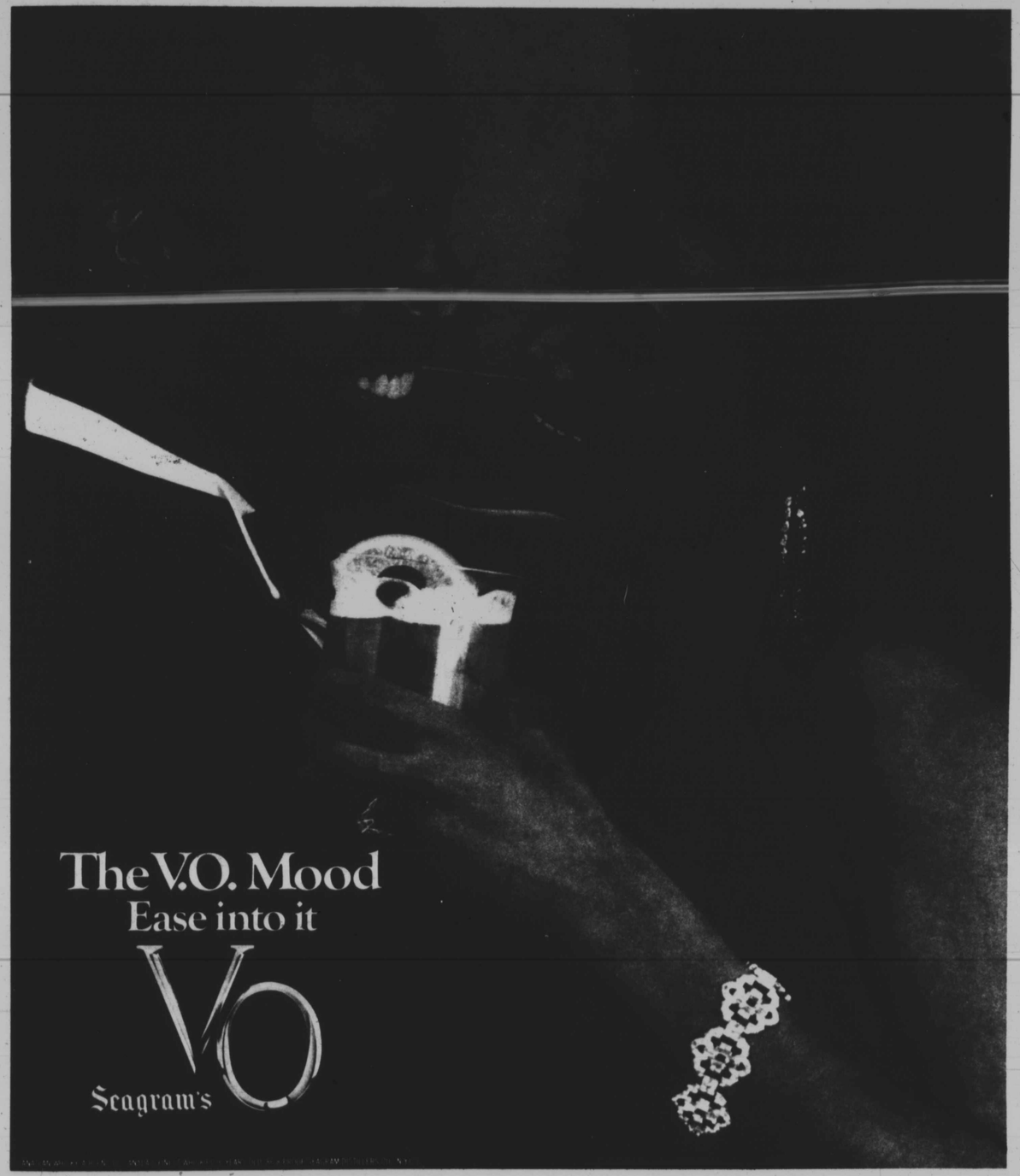
A: Your wait is finally over. Singer O. C. Smith, one of the most popular R&B Artist of the 60's is back on the music scene. He has a new album on the charts entitled "Love Changes" on the newly formed South Bay Records label. Smith is noted for your favorite "Little Green Apples," along with "Daddy's Little Man" and "Friend, Lover, Woman, Wife."

Gerri Lange

Q: What's this I hear about singing group Aurra being thrown out of a town while travelling to a concert date in the deep South?

JOEL FERGUSON Baltimore, MD

A: That bad taste of Southern hospitality Aurra experienced during a pitstop in Carterville, GA is one of the hazards faced by entertainers. Without any explanation, the group was escorted out of town by two policemen, one of whom was black. Upon reaching the city limits, the black cop stopped the bus and apologized to the group, explaining: "things are still that way around here."

O. C. Smith

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